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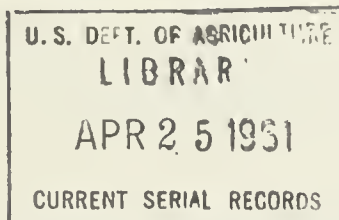
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WORLD TRADE IN LENTILS DOWN,

GARBANZOS UP

International trade in lentils was 1.6 million bags in 1958, 500,000 bags under 1957, or a drop of 24 percent. Lentil trade was 33 percent below the 1935-39 average but slightly above 1950-54. Trade in garbanzos (chickpeas) was over 1 million bags. This equaled 1955 and 1957, but was 32 percent below prewar, and 9 percent below the 1950-54 average. Trade in lentils is reported by 17 countries, and trade in garbanzos by 18.

Lentils

Exporting countries: Chile, Spain and Turkey are normally the largest exporters of lentils, but Syria was the largest in 1957 and 1958. In 1958, Syrian exports were almost 400,000 bags, over 60 percent going to Lebanon and the United Kingdom. Chile exported about 300,000 with 80 percent going to West Germany and the remainder to the Netherlands, United States and France.

Importing countries: West Germany, France and the United Kingdom are the largest importers of lentils. In 1958, France imported 430,000 bags, about 95 percent of which came from Algeria, Morocco and Lebanon. West Germany received about 420,000 bags with 60 percent coming from Chile. The United Kingdom; consistently a large importer took 240,000 bags in 1958, 70 percent of which were supplied by Syria and Turkey. Austria, one of the smaller importers, took about 20,000 and the United States about 30,000 in 1958.

Garbanzos (Chickpeas)

Exporting countries: Mexico, Morocco, Algeria, Portugal and Sudan are the leading exporters of garbanzos among the 18 exporting countries. Mexico and Morocco, with a combined 650,000-bags export, accounted for over one-half of the shipments. Mexico, with 330,000 in 1958, is down 50 percent from prewar; 8 percent below 1950-54 but up over 100 percent from 1957. Morocco

LENTILS: International trade 1935-39 and 1950-54 average, annual 1955-1958

Reporting countries	Average 1935-39		Average 1950-54		1955		1956		1957		1958	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
Algeria	18	16	8	326	7	343	12	322	31	130	4	66
Argentina	42	5	2	323	2	2	2	81	2	6	0	0
Austria	38	0	24	0	12	0	22	0	24	0	23	0
Belgium	341	254	16	6	9	4	16	12	12	10	18	13
Chile	0	735	0	219	0	224	0	271	0	235	0	330
Cuba	2	0	6	0	8	7	7	7	8	4	12	7
France	480	28	369	33	286	40	425	30	330	51	432	61
Germany, West 3/	878	0	475	0	387	0	534	0	360	0	419	32
Greece	24	0	49	0	60	0	86	0	23	4	33	12
Italy	15	11	18	17	18	21	19	6	4	16	0	39
Lebanon	0	426	2	166	4	4	1,143	992	782	781	111	206
Morocco	10	67	2	35	1	25	4	86	4	4	36	223
Spain	15	9	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
Syria	5	5	5	5	2	39	3	40	1	842	1	397
Turkey	0	40	0	260	0	61	0	96	0	8	0	198
United Kingdom ...	453	0	237	0	289	0	334	0	210	0	242	0
United States ...	85	6	53	6	46	6	28	6	15	6	30	6

Total	2,399	: 1,591	: 1,255	: 1,387	: 1,123	: 764	: 2,629	: 1,943	: 1,800	: 2,079	: 1,357	: 1,595
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1/ 100-lb. bags. 2/ Less than 500 b
6/ No separate breakdown of lentils.

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Reporting countries	Average		Average		1955		1956		1957		1958	
	1935-39		1950-54									
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/	bags 1/
Algeria	36	145	29	98	24	104	48	366	28	181	218	16
Anglo Egypt-Sudan	0	52	0	51	0	100	0	70	0	69	0	22
Argentina	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Brazil	13	0	25	0	20	0	20	0	19	0	26	0
Chile	0	60	0	30	0	24	0	18	0	8	0	32
Cuba	163	184	184	4	51	0	249	0	273	0	269	0
France	510	139	146	4	212	2	119	2	82	3	91	2
Greece	11	1	4	0	2	0	16	0	2	114	1	27
Italy	82	35	70	38	65	29	81	2	18	15	29	66
Lebanon	2	167	2	2	2	2	61	86	105	80	48	44
British Malaya	69	137	137	3	122	7	91	7	54	3	44	2
Mexico	4	652	4	358	1	424	1	418	1	154	1	331
Morocco	4	175	4	405	4	391	4	267	4	300	4	324
Philippines, Rep.	2	2	2	2	5	0	6	0	9	0	7	0
Portugal	5	5	4	43	0	29	0	55	0	94	0	165
Spain	467	3	193	2	65	2	2	2	109	2	76	7
Turkey	0	231	0	175	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	22
United States	100	2	97	6/23	67	6	10	6/17	6	38	99	6/68
Total	1,475	1,658	881	1,235	632	1,116	702	1,308	703	1,060	909	1,128

1/ 100-lb. bags. 2/ No data available. 3/ 4-year average. 4/ Less than 500 bags. 5/ Not separately classified. 6/ Includes cowpeas.

exported over 300,000. This was 8 percent from 1957 and 85 percent above the 1935-39 average, but 20 percent below 1950-54. Exports from Portugal a fairly large shipper in 1958 with over 160,000 bags, have climbed steadily since 1950-54 when their average was only 40,000 annually.

Turkey at one time a substantial exporter, (over 200,000 bags in 1935-39) shipped only 20,000 in 1958. Sudan has been a small, but consistent exporter but shipped only 22,000 bags in 1958. This is 68 percent below 1957 -- and 58 percent below the 1935-39 and 1950-54 periods. Greece has become an exporter in recent years but shipped only 27,000 bags in 1958 compared with 114,000 in 1957.

Importing countries: Cuba, Spain, Brazil and France are the best markets for garbanzos. Cuba, the largest, has increased its imports through the years purchasing 270,000 bags in 1958. This was 65 percent over the prewar average; 46 percent over 1950-54 and almost equal to 1956 and 1957. Spain, a very large prewar importer, (500,000 bags annually) took only 75,000 in 1958, a decrease of 84 percent under 1935-39. Imports by France have declined steadily and in 1958 amounted to only 90,000 bags, compared with the average import of 500,000 annually. France's imports in 1958 was 82 percent below prewar and 38 percent below 1950-54, but were 11 percent above 1957.

Wide differences between total imports and total exports in any year or period is accounted for principally by those trading countries which do not report and therefore, are not included in the tables.